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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SELECTS NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

LOS ANGELES – After an extensive national search, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has selected Heather Dugan Copp as its new Chief Financial Officer. She will officially begin her new position on May 12th, replacing the retiring CFO Bert Becker.

“Heather brings to this position an impressive track record of more than 15 years experience in both the public and private sectors,” said SCAG Executive Director Mark Pisano. “We are very excited about the tremendous assets that Heather will bring to the SCAG team.”

Prior to accepting the position at SCAG, Heather most recently served as the Director of Finance and Administration for the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority in Aspen, Colorado, where she oversaw the agency’s finance, treasury, accounting, procurement, planning, human resources and information technology functions. She has also served as Vice President of Finance at Stifel, Nicolaus & Comp., Inc., an investment banking firm, where she developed bond financing plans for state agencies, counties, municipalities and special districts.

Heather’s background has primarily been in the transportation arena, including service as the Chief Financial Officer of the Colorado Department of Transportation, where she oversaw a \$1 billion annual budget. She received the Colorado Woman of the Year in Transportation Award in 2001, as well as the Colorado Governor’s Total Quality Team Award in 1995.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Metropolitan State College in Denver, as well as a Series 7 Securities License.

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Over the past three decades, SCAG has evolved into the largest regional planning organization in the United States, functioning as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and Ventura. The Southern California region encompasses a population exceeding 16 million persons in an area of more than 38,000 square miles. As the designated MPO, SCAG is mandated by the federal government to research and develop plans for transportation, growth management, hazardous waste management, and air quality. For more information about the work of the Southern California Association of Governments, please visit the SCAG website at www.scag.ca.gov.

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